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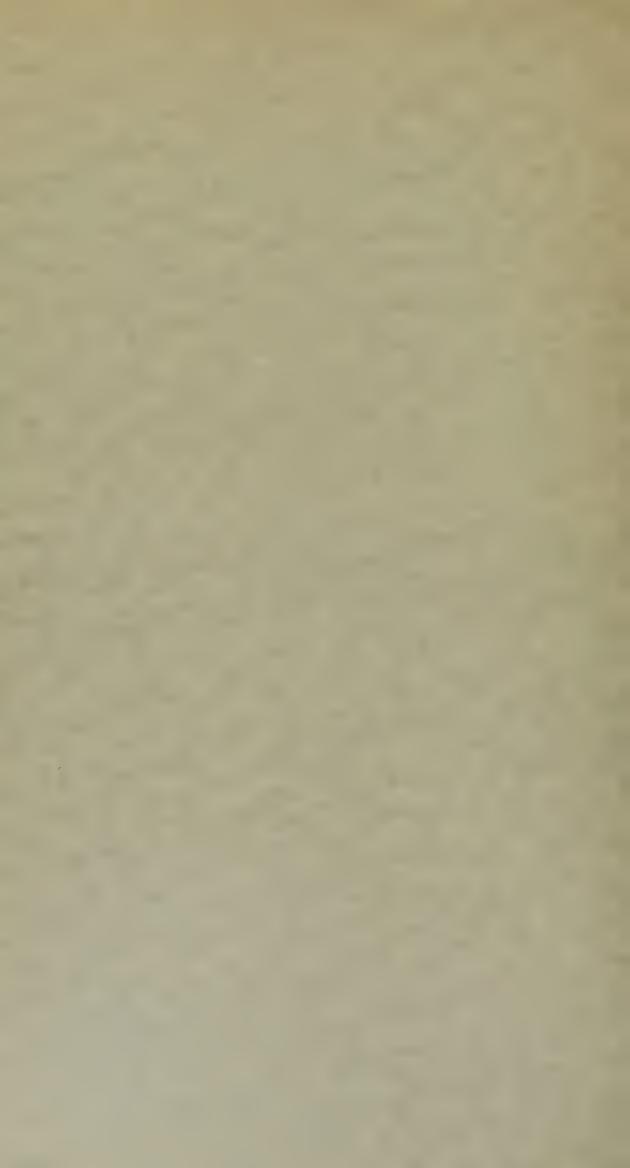
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ON THE

Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough

FOR THE

Year Ended 31st December, 1957



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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Congleton.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1957 on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of births and a fall in the number of deaths and once again it is satisfactory to report that there have been no deaths of any mother in child birth.

In the year under review there was an epidemic of measles. However for the first time on record I am pleased to report that not a single case of Whooping-Cough was notified. As was stated in the report last year I deplored the fact that Whooping-Cough continued to be notified when it was still in our means to stamp out this disease. It would now appear therefore that the effects of Whooping-Cough immunisation, as for Diphtheria, is resulting in making Whooping-Cough a rare disease.

Further progress was made in the vaccination against Poliomyelitis and it is hoped that one day this disease will be added to the list of rare diseases.

Once again I wish to record my sincere thanks to our Clerk Mr.Jack Mee, and to his deputy Mr.H.Lawton, and the other members of his staff for their help and guidance in enabling me to carry out my duties. I am particularly indebted to the Chief Public Health Inspector Mr. R.G. Whiston, and the members of his department with whom I work most closely. I am also





Deaths

Total. Male. Female.

Deaths, all ages 184 (202) 86 (120) 98 (82)

Death rate per 1000 estimated average population 11.8 (12.9)

Death rate for England & Wales per
1000 of the population 11.5 (11.7)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	1
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	1	1	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	_
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic disease	1	1	_
Malignant neoplasm , stomach	7	4	3
Malignant neoplasm, Lung, bronchus	5	4	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast		_	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus		_	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	10	4	6
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	_	_	_
Diabetes	1	1	_
Vascular lesions of nervous system	37	9	28
Coronary disease, angina	29	14	15
Hypertension with heart disease	3	2	1
Other heart diseases	27	10	17
Other circulatory disease	9	3	6
Influenza	4	3	1
Pneumonia	6	2	4
Bronchitis	10	8	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	2	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	2	_
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	-	_
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	_	
Hyperplasia of apastata	4	4	
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	_	4	_
Congenital malformations	1	_	_
Other defined and ill defined diseases	8	4	_
Motor vehicle socidents	2	2	4
	2	2	_

Cause	Total	Male	Female
All other accidents Suicide Homicide and operations of war	5 4 -	2 2 -	3 2
Total	184	86	98

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes :-

	No.	of Deaths.
Puerperal Sepsis	0	(0)
Other Maternal causes	0	(0)
Total	0	(0)

Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births:

0 (0)

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus

	Male	Female	Total		
1950	e2	400	1		
1951	3	1	4		
1952	4	-	4		
1953	2	1	3		
1954	4	1	5		
1955	3	-	3		
1956	6	2	8		
1957	4	1	5		

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children
The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows :-

Name

Miss M.Corbishley, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Park St. Clinic, Congleton.

Tel. No.2095

Miss D. Austin, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.I.D.N.S. Park St. Clinic, Congleton.

Tel. No.2095

I am pleased to report that during the year it was possible to appoint a part-time Physiotherapist to take over the relaxation classes at the Midwives Clinic in Congleton. Here the Health Visitors organize a scheme of lectures and demonstrations as well as a planned scheme of relaxation exercises.

As can be seen from the figures the attendances have been most encouraging.

Mothers' Clinics				
	New Cases	Total Attend	ances No	of Clinics
				held.
Ante-natal	105 (70)	535 (40	3) 50	(50)
Allematal	105 (70)	740	0,	(00)
Dental :-				
Pre-natal	6 (7)	14 (1	6)	
Nursing mothers	5 (7)	7 (2	2)	
Dentures supplie	d 3	(4)		
Infant Welfare				
New Cases	Total	No. of	Cases seen	Average per
	Attendances.	Clinics	by Doctor.	Clinic seen
		held.		by Doctor.
0-1 1-2 2-5	0-1 1-2 2-5			
149	1511 192 141	48	770	16
(136)(-)(-)	1373)(187)(155)	(49)	(662)	(13.5)
	New Cases	Total	No. of	Average per
		Attendances	Clinics	Clinic.
			held.	

Welfare Foods.

20 (12)

(1)

17 (15)

4 (5)

1.1 (.8)

(.2)

5 (4)

- (1)

Opthalmic Clinic

E.N.T. Clinic

The handling of this service has proceeded efficiently. No complaints have been received during the year, and all demands were satisfied.

The present arrangements are that National Dried Milk, Vitamin Tablets, Cod Liver Oil and Orange Juice, may be obtained each week-day from 2 to 5 p.m. and on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 a.m., from the Clinic at Park Street, Congleton.

Welfare Foods Sold - 1957

Distribution Centre	National F.Cream	Dried Milk H.Cream.	A & D Tablets.	Cod Liver Oil.	Orange Juice.
Park St. Clinic, Congleton.	6884 (8394)	(231)	824 (971)	1509 (1804)	12937

Day Nursery

Once again it is satisfactory to report a very good average attendance for the year.

Day Nursery - Attendances 1957

	Average No. Attending	Total Attendances
0-2 years	9 (9.25)	2228 (2281)
2-5 years	30.3 (32)	7408 (7744)

Jan. %		Apr.	Jne. %	Aug.	Sep.		Dec. %	1957 %
		100.8						97 101.5

Midwifery.

The two midwives employed by the Cheshire County Council are :-

Name	rei,No.	
D.H. WRIGHT	Ewanrigg, Giantswood Lame, Congleton	Congleton 240
M. WILLIAMS	115, Woolston Avenue, Congleton	Congleton 690

In addition, Nurse M.S. Bowman, 4, High Lowe Avenue, Congleton, combines the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

There are still too many births occurring in hospital and as was pointed out in last year's report many of these could be conducted in their own homes quite satisfactorily.

Births 1957

Hospital		Home		Private N. Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
169 (126)	5 (4)	76 (70)	(1)	l (-)	- (-)

Home Nursing.

Two District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough. They both occupy Council Houses.

M.S. Bowman R. Ward

Address

4, High Lowe Ave., Congleton 24, The Westlands, Congleton Tel. No.
Congleton 444
Congleton 2104

The work of the Home Nurse in assisting the family doctor in the treatment of patients at home, helps considerably in relieving the strain on our hospitals.

Once again I am happy to report that no single complaint was received during the year, and many instances of the fine work being done have been noted.

Public Health Laboratory Service.

Samples of water, milk, ice-cream and food are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Stafford as and when required.

Vaccination and Immunisation.

Every effort is made by the Health Visitors, Doctors and publicity by poster, and in the press, to stimulate the parents to bring forward their children for immunisation and vaccination. The response appears to be fairly steady but without doubt can be improved upon.

Statistics.

	366	tistics.	
Diphtheria Immunisation			
Pre-school children		6	(8)
School children	• •	1	(18)
		7	(26)
Reinforcing Injections		29	(24)
Whooping Cough Immunisation			
Pre-school children		3	(4)
School children		1	(4)
		4	(8)
Combined Immunisation	* *		
(Diphtheria and Whooping (Cough)		
Pre-school children		182	(144)
School children		4	(6)
		186	(150)
Primary Vaccination			
Pre-school children		80	(86)
School children	• •	7	(1)
Adults	• •	5	(3)
		92	(90)
Re-vaccination			
Pre-school children School children	• •	1	(1)
Adults	• •	25	(1)
		27	(15)
			1.07

Ambulance and Sitting Case Car Transport.

We have now had a full year in which the Ambulance Service in Congleton has been operated completely under the control of the Divisional Health Committee. A high standard of vehicle maintenance and turn-out has been achieved, and classes held to keep the Ambulance Drivers knowledge of first aid fresh in their minds. For the second year in succession there has been a considerable fall in the total mileage run, and the number of patients carried. This may well be due not so much to the falling off in the demand being made on this service but to some extent due to the re-organisation that took place between curselves and the neighbouring Divisions of Macclesfield and Cheadle and Gatley.

Patients	Journeys	Mileages		Patients	Journeys	Mileages	
400	(48)	2799 (2188)	Jan.	420 (761)	(174)	3082 (5904)	Jan.
449 (73)	109	3816	Feb.	(665)	98	2494 (6226)	Feb.
394	123	3500	Mar.	(852)	(202)	2200	Mar.
267	102	2914	Apr.	(830)	122	2466 (6174)	Apr.
360	128	4183	May	328 (997) Sitti	(202)	2823	Мау
350 (284)	114 (76)	3975 (2456)	Jne.	328 380 286 997) (665) (532) (532) Sitting Case Car Figures	(146)	3091 (4588)	Jne.
494 (362)	(102)	4512 (3433)	Jly.	286 (532)	(132)	2378 (3964)	Jly.
385 (475)	(137)	3932 (3927)	Aug.	338 (292)	(97)	2411	Aug.
322 (385)	(122)	3509 (3237)	Sep.	377 (266)	(93)	2715	Sep.
469 (414)	(135)	4233 (3609)	Oct.	(376)	(121)	2664	Oct.
409	(126)	4356 (3592)	Nov.	(331)	(99)	3085 (2512)	Nov.
321 (359)	(106)	3595 (3660)	Dec.	(273)	(95)	2558	Dec.

Domestic Help Service.

The demands for this Service continue to be high. and I am pleased to report that most of them in Congleton continue to be met.

Home Helps employed during 1957

Full time Temporary Casual	• •	• •	29 <u>3</u> <u>32</u>	(-) (18) (1) (19)
Home Helps employed	at 31st D	ecember,	1957.	
Full time Temporary Casual	• •	• •	20	(-) (17) (1) (18)
Applications receive	ed during	1957		
Confinement Sickness Tuberculosis Aged and infirm	• •	• •	3 7 1 23 34	(4) (11) (-) (20) (35)
Cases attended duri	ng 1957.			
Confinement Sickness Tuberculosis Aged and infirm	• •	• •	1 8 - 57 66	(4) (7) (-) (54) (65)

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr. H.S. Halpin, Borough Engineer and Surveyor for the following information.

Water

During the year the following quantities of water have been supplied from the various sources in the Borough:-

Hug Bridge Pumping Station Forge Lane Pumping Station Buglawton Borehole	0 0	412,000 369,000 51,000	11	per	day
		832,000	**	11	It

Supplies have been continued to the Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board to the extent of approximately 73,500 galls per day from the total quantity of water supplied.

Samples of water have been submitted for analysis from time to time to the County Analyst and the Public Health Laboratory, Stafford, and in all cases the chemical and bacteriological examinations have proved to be quite satisfactory.

The hardness of the water at present supplied from Forge Lane is 27 parts per 100,000 whilst the Hug Bridge water has a total hardness of 19 and the Buglawton Borehole approximately 5 parts per 100,000.

Water main extensions were finally completed at Congleton Edge Road, and Holmes Chapel Road.

The electrification of the Forge Lane Pumping Station is now in progress.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Schemes are in course of preparation for the sewerage of the West Heath Area of the Borough and also for the extension of the existing Sewage Works to serve a population of 20,000.

Public Cleansing

A total of 4,680 tons of house refuse has been collected and disposed of by controlled tipping during the year.

A total of 142 tons. 17 cwts. 1 qr. of waste paper was collected and disposed of during the year at a value of £1096. 1s. 4d.

Housing

Number of Council Houses completed in 1957 :-

Houses Single Person Flats 2 Bed Maisonettes Shops 1-Bedroom type Bungalows	• •	94 2 2 - 10	(69) (6) (12) (6) (-)
Private Houses completed in 1957	• •	27	(47)
Number of Applicants on the Waiting List at 31st Dec., 1957 (excluding applications for aged persons' bungalows)	• •	262	(309)
Number of visits re housing applications by Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector	• •	34	(20)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1957.

Total	Deaths.	1	1	9	1		1	
Cases	to Hospital	-	der	2	N	4	4-	
Total	Notified	21	158	16	2	~	~	
	Under 1- 2- 3- 4- 5- 10- 15- 20- 35- 45- 65 and 1 yr.	1	ı	7	1	ı	ı	
	45-	ı	ı	2	_	1	~	
	35-	1	ı	N	~	8	ı	
Age Distribution	20-	~	ı	4-	ı	ı	1	
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	3-	~	18	ı	1	ı	1	
	2-	1		N	1	ı	ı	
	1	1	7	~	1	1	1	
	Under 1 yr.	1	8	1	1	ı	ı	
	0 0 0 0 1	Scarlet Fever	Measles	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Dysentery	

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1957 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1948.

Notifications - 1948 to 1957

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Male		148		149		950		951		952		953		954		955		956		957
	P	NP	P	NP	Р	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	Ρ	NP
Up to 1 yr.																				
1 - 5						-1		1				1		2						
5 - 15		2		2		1	1			1		4	2							
15 - 25															5					
25 - 35	2		3		3										1				4	
35 - 45			2		2		ľ		'								Ė		3	
			4	'						'										
45 - 55					2										3		4		2	
55 - 65							2		2								2		2	
65 & over								1			2	1								
Female																				
Up to I yr.							١.								1					
1 - 5																				
5 - 15				2								2								
15 - 25	1		1	1	5		5		2		1						2		3	1
25 - 35	3				4		1		2	- 1	2				2				1	
35 - 45	1			1		-1				- 1					2		1		-1	
45 - 55			1		1										2		- 1			
55 - 65	1		1		1							ĺ								
65 & over																				
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	1 10	0.4.0	10	240	-				_	3 to	_			25.4		255	10	256	10	05.7
Male	_	948	-	949	15	950	19	951	- 19	952	19	953	-	954		955	_	956		357
	P	948 NP	-	949 NP	15		19		- 19		19		-	954 NP		955 NP	_	956 NP		957 NP
Up to I yr.	P		-		15	950	19	951	- 19	952	19	953	-			-	_			
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Cases on the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December, 1957, were as follows:-

	Up to	1-5	5-15	15-25	25 –3 5	35-45	45-55	55-65	65 &	Total
	l yr.								over	
Male Pulmonary	-	-	2	6	6	15	16	6	4	55
Female Pulmonary		1	1	8	15	11	11	10	1	58
Male Non-Pulmonary	-		10	3	2	3	2	-	-	20
Female Non- Pulmonary	cesh	-	2	3	-	-	2	3	2	12

The following sections of this report cover the work of the Public Health Inspector's Department and have been compiled by Mr.R.G. Whiston, the Chief Public Health Inspector.

During the year the speed of the Slum Clearance programme increased considerably, orders of various kinds on 73 houses becoming operative. The rate of re-housing also commenced to increase and 35 houses were vacated. Unfortunately, the decision by the Council to cease house building was taken at the end of the year so that further progress will be restricted.

The task of Meat Inspection continued to occupy a great deal of time (and overtime) and 100% inspection of all animals slaughtered was carried out. This, however, has meant that the time spent on other statutory duties still has had to be considerably reduced.

The advent of the Rent Act, 1957, brought many inquiries but only 18 applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received from tenants, and in just over half these cases the landlords submitted undertakings to carry out the repairs.

As much time as possible was spent on enforcing the Food Hygiene Regulations and many of the contraventions noted and brought to the occupiers attention in 1956 had been remedied.

Complaints.

During the year 183 complaints were received and investigated; 25 of these were unfounded.

63 were found to be relating to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters and were referred to the Departments concerned.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Nuisances.

Following complaints and as a result of routine survey, 121 houses were inspected, a total of 119 nuisances were found and 69 informal notices were issued. In 4 cases statutory notices were served.
639 visits were made to houses previously inspected and 147 nuisances were found to be abated. 65 informal and 5 statutory notices were complied with. 2 statutory notices were served under the provisions of Section 99 of the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953, requiring stoppages to be removed from drains.

Drainage.

The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 354 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.

Water Supply.

Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the town systems of supply and sent to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Stafford, for Bacteriological examination. The reports on samples submitted showed satisfactory results.

Disinfestation.

D.D.T. and Gammexane compounds in liquid and powder form are used for this purpose, and successful results have been obtained.

The houses and household effects of new tenants for Council houses are inspected and where necessary disinfestation is undertaken before removal. For this and other reasons, 142 inspections have been carried out and 16 premises treated.

Conversion of Pails, etc.

The Council's resolution to make a grant of £5 towards the cost of conversion of pails to water

closets was continued. No application for grant was made.

Following representation to the Cheshire County Council, the conversion of the trough-type closets to water closets was completed at St.Stephen's Infants School, Spragg Street, Congleton.

Offensive Trades.

One premises is registered for tripe boiling. No complaints were received in connection with the trade. 3 inspections were carried out during the year.

Infectious Disease and Disinfection.

Enquiries have been made into 25 cases of infectious disease. Disinfection of premises following these, and removals and deaths of T.B. cases, has been carried out and where necessary infected bedding has been taken to the Isolation Hospital, Macclesfield, for disinfection by steam.

Infected library books are treated with gaseous fumigant before return for circulation.

Caravans.

5 visits have been made in connection with the control of moveable dwellings.

Public Mortuary.

This service is under the charge of the Department and during the year there were 27 admissions.

HOUSING ACT, 1957.

78 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Act, and 178 revisits were made to houses previously inspected.

- 3 houses in Clearance Areas were demolished and one area cleared.
 - 14 Demolition Orders were made.
 - 10 Formal Undertakings under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, were accepted by the Council.

- 10 Clearance Areas comprising 50 houses were confirmed, 3 houses from one area being excluded by the Minister.
- 4 Clearance Areas, comprising a total of 18 houses were represented and submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

One Clearance Area of 2 houses for which a Compulsory Purchase Order was made was confirmed. A Compulsory Purchase Order for a Clearance Area of 11 houses was made.

Improvement Grants.

14 applications were received during the year and 13 were granted. 81 visits were made for the purpose of advising owners, inspecting following applications. supervision of work, while in progress and on completion.

RENT ACT, 1957.

Certificates of Disrepair

18 applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair and in all cases notice of the Council's intention to issue a certificate was served upon the owner. 10 owners submitted Undertakings to carry out the work specified and in the remaining 8 cases Certificates of Disrepair were issued to the tenants.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

280 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out.
56 contraventions were found and 8 informal notices issued. On re-inspection 267 contraventions had been abated, and 11 notices fully complied with.

Ice Cream.

There are 10 premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream, all use the "cold mix" method.

64 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream.

6 inspections have been made.

Preserved Food.

41 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc.) and 21 inspections of these premises were carried out.

Slaughterhouses.

The five private Slaughterhouses continued operating throughout the year and all licences renewed in June.

1727 visits were made to these premises during the year to carry out meat inspection and the carcases of offal of all animals killed were inspected.

I would point out that since de-control the number of animals killed has increased over 3 times and the number of visits by 3 times and also that this extra work on meat inspection has meant that the time spent on other statutory duties has had to be considerably reduced.

Disposal of Condemned Meat.

All meat and offal condemned is sold to Messrs. Beesons Bros. Ltd. of Crewe, and the firm undertake the collection from the slaughterhouses on the Council's behalf. Expenses are deducted and the balance is paid to the slaughterhouse occupiers.

The weights of meat and offal are shown in the tables.

£318. 13. 8d. has been received from Messrs. Beesons Bros. Ltd., and paid to the slaughterhouse occupiers.

Deadweight Certification of Pigs.

The Council continued to adopt the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's Fatstock Guarantee Scheme for deadweight certification of pigs at two of the private slaughterhouses.

During the year 597 clean pigs were certified under the provisions of the scheme, for which the Council was reimbursed £17. 14s. Od. from the Ministry.

Tuberculosis Order, 1938.

No animals were slaughtered under the provisions of the above Order.

Congenital Tuberculosis in Calves.

During the year one calf carcase was found to be affected with Congenital Tuberculosis, and the Divisional Veterinary Officer was notified.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933-1954.

The stunning of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means of captive bolt pistols.

One slaughterman's licence was issued and 34 renewed during the year.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949.

Registered are 8 Dairies and 67 Distributors.

Under the Special Designation Regulations, 21 licences have been issued for Tuberculin Tested Milk, 17 for Pasteurised Milk and 57 for Sterilised Milk.

15 visits have been made in connection with registration and licensing.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The Council has one full time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

21 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no statutory notices have been served.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers.

It is estimated that there are 600 manholes in the

Borough, a test bait of 10% of these was undertaken and two treatments carried out during the year.

At the first treatment 30 manholes were pre-baited, 16 showed "Takes" and were poisoned; at the second, 30 manholes were pre-baited and 12 poisoned.

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

15 inspections have been carried out under the provisions of the Act, 6 contraventions were noted and as a result 3 informal notices were served. One notice was complied with and 7 contraventions remedied.

FACTORY ACT, 1937.

119 inspections have been made. 214 contraventions were found and 195 remedied.

Outworkers.

A total of 16 outworkers are shown as employed by factories in the area on the lists submitted in accordance with Section 110 of the Act. All are engaged on the making, altering or repairing of wearing apparel.

Section 34.

2 Certificates have been granted during 1957 in respect of adequate means of escape in case of fire, under Section 34 of the Factories Act, 1937.

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Summary of visits and inspections.

General				No. of Visits
Water supply	• •	• •	• •	37
Drainage	• •	• •	• •	354
Stables & Pigg	eries	• •	• •	1
Caravans	• •	• •	• •	5
Factories	• •		• •	119
Rats and Mice	• •	• •	• •	21
Schools	• •			5
Shops Act.	3 0			15
Miscellaneous	Visits			442
Interviewing &		ments	• •	289
Atmospheric Po			• •	116
	TIGOTOII	0 0	• 6	110

Swimming Baths	0 0	1
Farms	• •	1
Cinemas	• •	18
Housing - Under Public Health Ac	et.	
No. of houses inspected Re-visits to Houses previously i	inspected	121 639
Under Housing Acts.		
No. of houses inspected Re-visits to houses previously i	inspected	78 178
Verminous Premises.		
No. of inspections Found verminous and disinfested	• •	142 16
	• €	
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	• •	147
Improvement Grants	0 0	81
Infectious Disease	• •	25
Visits re Disinfection	0 6	13
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease	e Visits	8
Food Premises and Food Inspection	on.	
	ac Deputy Common	4 (20 0) 20
Visits to slaughterhouses	• •	1727
Butchers	• •	68
Fishmongers and Poulterers	0 C	11
Grocers	O •	106
Dairies and Milkshops Ice Cream Premises		15
Food preparing premises	0 0	21
Bakehouses	0 0	11
Market Stall	• •	4
Restaurants		9
Greengrocers and Fruiterers		38
Licensed premises		
Miscellaneous	• •	7 3 7
Factory Canteens	0 0	7
Vehicles	e o	15
Total	€ ●	4917

Summary of Notices Served.

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No. of notices served requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	4
No. of houses which were rendered fit aft the service of formal notices (under Pu or Housing Acts)	
No. of Demolition Orders made	14
No. of Closing Orders made	-
No. of houses in respect of which an unde taking was accepted under sub-section (Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936	
No. of houses demolished	3
No. of Closing Orders under Local Governm (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953, determined	nent

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938.

Food Premises

Number of food premises in the area by type of business is as follows :-

Butchers	26
Canteens	23
Dairies	9
Milkshops	35
Fishmongers & Poulterers	6
Greengrocers	13
Grocers & Confectioners	111
Restaurants & Cafe	28
Bakehouses	14

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

Total number of Animals slaughtered and inspected.

	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
1955	65	215	2462	583	412	8636	4819	17 192
1956	11	477	2000	1444	493	10671	5045	20140
1957		292	1716	1721	393	9488	4012	17623

Total Weight of Meat Condemned.

		Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Beef	* • • •	5	4	2	23
Mutton		-	8	-	22
Pork		_	8	2	26
Veal		***	5	-	9
Offal	• • • •	17	1	3	8
	m - + - 7	07	8	2),
	Total	23	C		4

Particulars of Animals slaughtered at each of the private slaughterhouses.

Slaughterhouses	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Hei fers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E.& G. Vernon, West Street.	-	9	133	61	14	595	160	972
J. Clowes, Antrobus Street		-	18	30	-	2	1	51
J F.Longman, Princess Street	1	269	1237	1491	378	8117	2967	14460
Co-op Socy. Ltd., Moor Street.	a -	13	234	111	-	348	749	1455
W. Goodwin, Wagg Street.	-		94	28	1	426	135	685

Weight of Meat condemned at each of the Private Slaughterhouses.

			Beef Ibs.	Mutton Ibs.	Veal	Pork Ibs.	Offal
E. & G. Vernon	• •	• •	-	87	40	48	1021
J. Clowes		• •	_	20	_	-	193
J.F. Longman		• •	10248	783	529	820	33008
Co-op Socy.	• •		1479	20	_	110	3099
W. Goodwin	• •	• •	-	8	-	-	963
			11727	918	569	978	38284

Other Foods Condemned.

			Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Canned Foods	0 0	O •	5	2	1	9
Other Foods	0 0	0 •	1	1	18	-

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in Part or Whole.

		Cattle Ex.Cows		Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed		2014	1716	393	9488	4012
All diseases except. Tuberco	losis					
and Cysticercosis.						
Whole carcases condemned		1	4	13	21	8
Carcases of which some part	t or					
organ was condemned		792	661	-	857	532
Percentage affected with di	sease					
other than Tuberculosis an						
Cysticercosis	1955	16.34	19.01	6.31	10.10	9.9
	1956	28.26	26.00	3.04	9.31	10.50
	1957	39.37	38.75	3.31	9.25	13.46
Tuberculosis						
Whole carcases condemned		5	5	1	-	Į
Carcases of which some part	or					
organ was condemned		246	374	1	-	178
Percentage affected with						
Tuberculosis	1955		21.16	-	-	4.27
	1956	10.24		0.20	-	5.60
	1957	12.46	22.09	0.51	-	4.46
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some par	tor					
organ was condemned		33	14	-	-	-
Carcases submitted for tre	atment					
by refrigeration		13	3	-	-	-
Generalised and totally con	ndemned	con	~	-	-	-

	Cattle Ex.Cows	Cows	Calves	Shesp	Pigs
Percentage affected with Cysticercosis					
1955	1.5	.61	-		-
1956	1.03	0.90	-	-	
1957	1.64	0.82	-	-	

Prevalence of Rats and Mice.

		Type of	Property		
	Local Authority	Dwelling houses	Agricult- ural	All other (includ- ing Business & Indust- rial.	Total
Total No. of properties in Local Authority's district.	37	5146	126	916	6225
No. of properties in- spected as a result of :- (a) Notification (b) Otherwise	8	82 36	7 2	55 18	152 60
No. of properties found to be infested by Rats.	Major - Minor 9	- 46	7	30	92
No. of properties found to be infested by mice.	3	54	-	36	93
No. of infested properties treated by Local Authority	9	95	7	64	175

Factory Act, 1937. Inspections.

Premises	Number on Register	No. of Inspections		No. of Occupiers Prosecuted.
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority. (2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	7 135	115	- 25	-
Total	142	119	25	NAP.

Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were				
	found	remedied			
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	1	-			
(b) Unsuitable or defective	213	195			
(c) Not separate for					
sexes	-	-			
Total	214	195			

